

the ADA. I was pleased to learn that a 1996 poll by the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation indicated that 75% of respondents believed public attitudes towards disabilities and the disabled had changed since the Act was introduced. The greatest barrier to many talented individuals achieving their goals is the very perception of their disability, and that is why we must continually work to remove these barriers.

As a nurse for 30 years, I agree more needs to be done to remove barriers that prevent people with disabilities from fully participating in society. I understand that although education and employment opportunities have improved since the Act's inception, our work is not yet finished. I congratulate those who worked so hard to make the Act a reality as well as the continued efforts of so many to press for further improvements.

Mr. Speaker, whether in the case of an athlete, a school child or an adult pursuing a new career path, I believe this Act has been an invaluable tool and a demonstration of a more mature, compassionate and understanding, American society. I am honored to be in a position to celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act and to play a part in ensuring its continuing legacy remains.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARY STEINBRECHER

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a Glenwood Springs, Colorado community activist Mary Steinbrecher, an exceptional individual who has selflessly devoted her time and energy to the betterment of the community. I applaud her outstanding character, and her desire to support and enhance our society's way of life. Mary demonstrates such impressive qualities, it is fitting she received the 2002 Athena award in recognition of her humanitarian efforts.

Mary is an individual who performs any task, large or small, with astounding precision and perfection. Her vision to improve and enhance situations and circumstances provides a level of excellence to any organization or establishment she assists. She was instrumental in obtaining the new Glenwood Springs Community Center, and her tireless, selfless efforts finished the project ahead of schedule. Even though Mary's achievements in Glenwood extend to every citizen, Mary humbly accepts her praises with dignity.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride I honor such an outstanding individual before this body of Congress and this nation. Mary contributed so much, and she was so thoughtful, words will never express our appreciation for her. Mary, thank you for your hard work in our community, and I anticipate great future achievements from you.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO KENNAMETAL INC.'S MINING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION FOR 50 YEARS OF OPERATION

#### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kennametal Inc.'s Mining and Construction Division for celebrating 50 years of operation and being inducted in the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame. The manufacturing facility that houses this division, which opened its doors on April 7, 1958, is the oldest manufacturing facility in Bedford County and has been an example of business excellence since its conception. The Bedford facility boasts an impressive record of sales accomplishments that include, being ranked number one in the world for the sale of construction and mining tools and shipping and selling their products to more than 31 countries around the world. Their total sales are projected to be approximately \$150 million by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2002.

Great companies can only continue down the path of success if they are lead by dedicated and reliable employees. Kennametal is an example of how the people make the institution great. The Bedford plant began in 1952 with 12 employees and now hosts 388 employees that are involved in all aspects of the plant's operational success and contribute to the betterment of their community as well. Over the past 20 years, the employees of Kennametal have given more than \$70,000 to Bedford Area charities and community organizations. President George W. Bush, in his last State of the Union Address, challenged all of us to give two years or 4,000 hours of service over our lifetimes. The employees of Kennametal are meeting this challenge by serving as active volunteers for many organizations such as volunteer fire companies, emergency medical services, church groups, youth athletics and more.

This country was built on ingenuity, hard work, and the desire to succeed; all necessary ingredients to be a successful business in today's market. These businesses are a vital component to the fabric of society because they contribute resources, jobs, and products that help develop good communities for not just the employees, but their neighbors as well. It is important for our businesses to be responsible citizens, by sharing their success, they help communities prosper along with industry. Kennametal, over the last 50 years, has demonstrated how this type of partnership can allow progress within the company and the community.

I congratulate Kennametal's Bedford Facility for 50 years of success and I wish them many more in the future.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO JEAN WILLIAMS

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the hard work and dedica-

tion of Dr. Jean Williams. Jean has given Pueblo, Colorado a lifetime of service through her two careers and has continued to do so into her seventies. For over fifty years Jean dedicated her life to improving public, environmental, and industrial health. In 1981 she retired and became a full time volunteer as a board member of the Senior Resource Development Agency, known as SRDA. She has brought her expertise and experience to this organization, and in honor of her dedication to improve the lives of her peers, she is being honored this year with the Senior Citizen of the Year award.

In addition to her work with the SRDA, Jean has put her medical expertise to work as well through volunteering her time to two separate programs: the Senior Link/Community Link and the Home Health Care. Both enable senior citizens to live full and independent lives by providing help in areas like yard work and transportation and helping to create networks to support active seniors. Jean is an energetic volunteer in both programs and looks after the health of the seniors involved. Jean has selflessly put in countless hours in order to improve the lives of others.

In addition to her efforts as a volunteer, Jean is also a proactive member of her community in other ways as well. She is a proud member of the board of the Pueblo League of Women Voters, the Pueblo Area Council of Government's environmental policy advisory board, the citizens reuse advisory board of the Pueblo Chemical Depot and the School District 60's equal employment opportunity and affirmative action committee. In addition to her official duties, Jean regularly attends the Pueblo Area Council of Government and the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District to keep up on the issues.

Jean continues to work tirelessly to improve her community. Her courage and dedication to service are examples to us all. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to pay tribute to Dr. Jean Williams before this body of Congress. Thank you Jean for all that you have done.

#### THE LIFE STORY OF JOHN A. DROST

#### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, one of the basic axioms of democracy, one of democracy's fundamental philosophical underpinnings is the notion that the life, work, and opinion, of every person counts, or, at least, ought to count.

I firmly believe in that notion: that every person counts and I believe in its corollary: that every person can make a difference.

I want to offer up a life story as illustration of that belief—the life story of John A. Drost. John Drost was born in 1909 in Czechoslovakia. He went through school there earned a Juris Doctor degree in 1932.

He served in the Czechoslovakian army in the Judge Advocate General's Department and assisted in the mobilization of the Czech Army.

He became associated with a law firm with ties to the exiled Czechoslovakian Government in London representing the interests of Jewish clients.

As a result of his legal work he was arrested jailed and sentenced to a Nazi labor camp.

John, and his new bride Doris, eluded the Gestapo and went underground until the end of the war.

After the war he was pursued by the Communist government and John and Doris escaped to Austria where John began work for the Church World Organization. Eventually John and his family emigrated to the United States.

John found work as Church Administrator for St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Chicago. With the urging and support of church members he returned to night school and earned a law degree at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

John became the attorney for the Austrian Consulate and also did work for the German Consulate General.

John's own life experiences left John with a feeling of special responsibility for families and for family support.

As a result of his work with St. Paul's Church John became acquainted with Uhlich Children's Home—a home which has been supporting children and families for over 130 years.

John assumed a series of ever more responsible positions on the Uhlich board where, as a result of his leadership, the board was renewed and reenergized and the work of Uhlich was likewise strengthened and expanded.

John passed away in January of this year. But his son, George, and others carry on with the mission of providing support and services to troubled children and troubled families and which allows every child to reach his, or her, fullest potential.

John Drost made a difference for thousands and he leaves a legacy of making a difference.

Mr. Speaker, I believe an important part of his legacy is the example he has left us.

As John was fond of saying, "In a country that gave us a beautiful life . . . we had to reciprocate."

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRANK S. CORTESE

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to serve and protect the citizens of the State of Colorado. Corporal Frank S. Cortese of the Pueblo Police Department has faithfully served his fellow Coloradans for over thirty years. After a long and successful career as one of Colorado's finest, Frank announced his retirement from the force in December of last year. As Frank looks forward to retirement, I would like to take this time to highlight his service to his community.

Frank has faithfully served the Pueblo Police Department in various capacities throughout his long career. During his service he was active in the Homicide Division as a juvenile investigator. In this capacity, he was often called upon to study and investigate homicides among our youth and was instrumental in

solving many crimes throughout the community. For many years Frank worked tirelessly to protect our youth by preventing the escalation of violence among our teens, notably amongst gangs and groups that commonly threaten our nation's youngest generation. His most recent service has been to defend our roadways and streets by actively pursuing individuals who injure our citizens in traffic accidents and speed away to avoid the penalties and consequences. I am confident that Frank's expertise in protecting our youth from violence will be greatly missed not only by the department, but a grateful community.

Mr. Speaker, as a former law enforcement officer I am well aware of the dangers and hazards our peace officers face today. These individuals work long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee their fellow citizen's rights and protection. They work tirelessly with great sacrifice to their personal and family lives to ensure our freedoms remain strong in our homes and communities. Their service and dedication deserve the recognition and thanks of this body of Congress and nation and that is why I bring the name of officers like Frank Cortese to light today. I wish you all the best Frank and good luck in your future endeavors. Thanks for your service to Pueblo, Colorado.

#### INTRODUCING A BILL TO EXCLUDE GIFTS WHEN CALCULATING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

#### HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce a bill to exclude gifts worth less than \$100 when calculating a person's income for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

A constituent in Hawaii who helps disabled individuals obtain SSI benefits brought this problem to my attention. He explained how a person who received SSI was penalized for accepting gifts.

This individual was given money for a birthday and Christmas, which she reported to Social Security. Social Security treated the gifts as income. Because she accepted gifts while her SSI claim was being adjudicated, the gifts were deducted from the retroactive benefits that she deserved. These gifts were not income and should not be treated as income.

My bill excludes gifts worth less than \$100 from income when calculating SSI benefits. The bill will refocus the Social Security Administration's needs tests on true income generating activities.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill and help eliminate a penalty on poor and disabled individuals who receive small gifts from their friends and relatives.

#### TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR MAXWELL RABB: A MAN WITHOUT BORDERS

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my dear friend, Ambassador Maxwell M.

Rabb, who died in New York, on Sunday, June 2, at the age of 91.

Ambassador Rabb was a distinguished lawyer, secretary to the cabinet in the Eisenhower Administration, ambassador to Italy in the Reagan Administration and held a variety of positions in government and in service to civil society.

On Wednesday, June 12, he will be funeralized at the Congregation Emanu-el in New York, where he served as president from 1973 to 1981.

Born in Boston, where he was educated at Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Ambassador Rabb was a most uncommon man in talents and accomplishments. In service to his country, he demonstrated an extraordinary ability to overcome differences between nations, religions, and the races. Exhibiting qualities instilled from childhood, he had a unique empathy, an ability to feel as others felt, and thus engender trust.

Such was the case in his dealings with my predecessor, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell who, as the political leader of the civil rights movement in the 1950's, had ongoing dealings with Rabb. It seemed impossible that a first generation Jewish American with roots in the old country in Europe and an elitist Boston education could succeed at his assignment as the Eisenhower administration's point man on civil rights. How could this modest unassuming man relate to the provocative, flamboyant and street-smart Congressman-preacher from Harlem?

Somehow, Maxwell Rabb did succeed, winning Powell's trust and admiration along the way. Indeed, Rabb enhanced a long list of credits by quietly writing himself into the annals of the great movement for civil rights.

More than an intermediary for the Eisenhower administration, Rabb was an honest broker and deal-maker with Powell in the Congressman's successful struggle to desegregate U.S. military facilities. In a sense, Rabb—by tempering the Congressman's brickbats—guided the battering ram which brought down a dehumanizing racist practice.

The two had met on Capitol Hill, when Rabb, as a young lawyer, worked as an aide to Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. After service in the Navy during WWII, he joined the Eisenhower Administration where he served in various posts, including secretary to the cabinet and liaison to Jewish groups, labor and civil rights.

In the 1960's, he was president of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and was active in securing the release of Americans in detention in communist East Germany. In the 1980's he served with great distinction as ambassador to Italy in the Reagan Administration, repairing damaged relations with one of our most important allies following the hijacking of the Achille Lauro.

In his lifetime, the Ambassador applied his considerable talents to difficult and sensitive situations around the world—never forgetting the lot of the less fortunate, whether in South Asia, Israel, Eastern Europe or the United States.

Ambassador Maxwell Rabb, a man without borders, had a heart big enough to reach out to people whom he resembled, in color and background, not in the least—with respect, compassion and love.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife Ruth, and his children, Bruce, Sheila